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In each of Claims 4, 5 and 6, at line 1 thereof, please delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor ---claim 1---.

In Claim 8, lines 3 and 4, please delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor ---claim 1---.

Please add Claims 9 to 14 reading as follows.

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Claim 9. A device according to claim 2, wherein the analyte is glucose and the reagent is glucose dehydrogenase.

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Claim 10. A device according to claim 2, wherein the mesh is treated with a surfactant.

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Claim 11. A device according to claim 2, wherein the mesh is additionally coated with a cell lytic agent.

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Claim 12. A device according to claim 2, wherein the conductive layer comprises graphite particles, carbon particles and a polymer binder.

Claim 13. A device according to claim 12, wherein the graphite particles have an average size of 1-20  $\mu\text{m}$  and a surface area of 1-50  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ , and the carbon particles have an average size of 5-70 nm and a surface area of less than 150  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

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Claim 14. A method for the electrochemical analysis of an analyte in a liquid sample, which comprises applying the sample to the application area on a device according to claim 2, and quantifying the analyte by reaction with the reagent.

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is presented to eliminate the improper multiple dependencies from the claims and to put Claim 1 in the form as shown on the amended